GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PURCHASE OF SUB STANDARD MEDICINES BY ARMED FORCES MEDICAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Armed Forces MedicalServices are reported by procuring the medicines whose life span is very short and are sub-standard in quality;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the situation;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Medicines are being procured only from those firms, who are either registered with Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) or those with a turn over ofRs. 20 crores annually, and in possession of World Health Organisation Good Manufacturing Practice (WHO GMP) certificate, to ensure supply of good quality medicines.

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of reply to parts (a) & (b) above.